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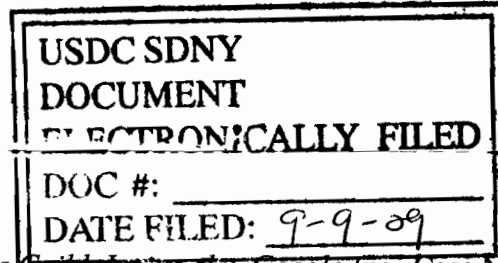


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Re: *The Authors Guild, Inc. et al v. Google Inc., Case No. 05 CV 8136 (S.D.N.Y.).*

Dear Office of the Clerk:

My name is Dr. Stefan Schlegel, and I am the manager of the VDE VERLAG GMBH, a book publisher located in Berlin, Germany. VDE VERLAG GMBH is a member of the settlement class embraced by the proposed settlement agreement that is before this Court in this action (the Settlement Agreement"), because it owns rights in books that are protected by U.S. copyright law. We write to object to the Settlement Agreement. We do not have the resources to provide this Court with legal briefing regarding our objections nor do we wish to burden this Court with duplicative filings. We therefore join in the objections that have been presented to this Court by Scott Gant and the group of foreign publishers and publishing associations that includes the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels and others, for the reasons presented to this Court by those individuals and entities. In addition, we wish to inform this Court that our company did not receive any written notice of the Settlement Agreement, nor did we see any published notice of the Settlement Agreement. We present this letter to this Court in English, for the Court's convenience and it was translated for us.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter.

Respectfully yours,
VDE VERLAG GMBH

Dr. Stefan Schlegel

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